

Need another word that means the same as “descent”? Find 58 synonyms and 30 related words for “descent” in this overview.

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Descent as a Noun

Definitions of "Descent" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “descent” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A downward slope or bend.*
- *A downward slope.*
- *A sudden violent attack.*
- *An unexpected visit.*
- *Properties attributable to your ancestry.*
- *The transmission of qualities, property, or privileges by inheritance.*
- *A moral, social, or psychological decline.*
- *The kinship relation between an individual and the individual's progenitors.*
- *An act of moving downwards, dropping, or falling.*
- *The origin or background of a person in terms of family or nationality.*

- *The act of changing your location in a downward direction.*
- *The descendants of one individual.*
- *A movement downward.*



Synonyms of "Descent" as a noun (58 Words)

[ancestors](#)

Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).

[ancestry](#)

The descendants of one individual.

*The **ancestry** of the rose is extremely complicated.*

assault

A physical attack.

*Troops began an **assault** on the city.*

attack

The act of attacking.

***Attacks** on women increased last year.*

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| blood | An internal bodily fluid in invertebrates which performs a similar function to blood in humans and other vertebrates. <i>A ritual that fires up his blood.</i> |
| blood line | People viewed as members of a group. |
| bloodline | Ancestry of a purebred animal. <i>The herd has British bloodlines going back 200 years.</i> |
| charge | The price charged for some article or service. <i>The charges against the estate.</i> |
| comedown | A lessening of the sensations generated by a narcotic drug as its effects wear off. <i>The drug is like speed but without the comedown.</i> |
| coming down | The temporal property of becoming nearer in time. |
| debasement | Being mixed with extraneous material; the product of adulterating. <i>The outcome is rot and debasement of the system.</i> |
| declension | (in the grammar of Latin, Greek, and certain other languages) the variation of the form of a noun, pronoun, or adjective, by which its grammatical case, number, and gender are identified. <i>The first declension in Latin.</i> |
| declination | A polite refusal of an invitation. <i>The declination of Arcturus is 19 degrees north.</i> |
| decline | Change toward something smaller or lower. <i>A serious decline in bird numbers.</i> |
| declivity | A downward slope or bend. <i>A thickly wooded declivity.</i> |
| degeneracy | Moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles. <i>A slide into moral degeneracy.</i> |
| degeneration | Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>Degeneration of the muscle fibres.</i> |
| degradation | A low or downcast state- H.L.Menchken. <i>A trail of human misery and degradation.</i> |
| deterioration | Process of changing to an inferior state. <i>A deterioration in the condition of the patient.</i> |
| dip | A thick sauce in which pieces of food are dipped before eating. <i>There was a dip in the road.</i> |
| downslope | A downward slope or bend. |
| drive | Hitting a golf ball off of a tee with a driver. <i>He threw the car into drive.</i> |

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| drop | An act of dropping supplies or troops by parachute. <i>There is not a drop of pity in that man.</i> |
| <u>extraction</u> | The action of taking out something (especially using effort or force). <i>Mineral extraction.</i> |
| fall | A thing which falls or has fallen. <i>In October came the first fall of snow.</i> |
| family | A group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit. <i>Sharks belong to the fish family.</i> |
| filiation | Inherited properties shared with others of your bloodline. <i>Relationships based on ties of filiation as opposed to marriage.</i> |
| <u>foray</u> | A brief but spirited attempt to become involved in a new activity or sphere. <i>My first foray into journalism.</i> |
| going down | Euphemistic expressions for death. |
| <u>gradient</u> | The rate of such a change. <i>A five degree gradient.</i> |
| <u>hill</u> | A naturally raised area of land, not as high or craggy as a mountain. <i>A hill of ruffs looked at from a distance on a sunny day was a very pleasing spectacle.</i> |
| incline | An inclined surface or plane a slope especially on a road or railway. <i>The road climbs a long incline through a forest.</i> |
| incursion | The act of entering some territory or domain (often in large numbers). <i>The incursion of television into the American living room.</i> |
| inheritance | The action of inheriting. <i>My only inheritance was my mother s blessing.</i> |
| line | Each of usually five horizontal lines forming a stave in musical notation. <i>Passengers were hit by delays caused by leaves on the line.</i> |
| line of descent | A slight depression in the smoothness of a surface. |
| <u>lineage</u> | The descendants of one individual. <i>The myeloid lineage.</i> |
| onslaught | An offensive against an enemy (using weapons). <i>A series of onslaughts on the citadel.</i> |
| <u>origin</u> | A place where a nerve or blood vessel begins or branches from a main nerve or blood vessel. <i>Mineral origin.</i> |

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| parentage | The descendants of one individual. <i>A boy of Jamaican parentage.</i> |
| passing down | Euphemistic expressions for death. |
| passing on | Success in satisfying a test or requirement. |
| <u>pedigree</u> | The record of descent of an animal, showing it to be pure-bred. <i>With a pedigree equal to many of the gentry.</i> |
| <u>push</u> | An act of pushing someone or something in order to move them away from oneself. <i>The army made a push toward the sea.</i> |
| <u>raid</u> | A rapid surprise attack to commit a crime, especially to steal from business premises. <i>An early morning raid on a bank.</i> |
| <u>regression</u> | A measure of the relation between the mean value of one variable (e.g. output) and corresponding values of other variables (e.g. time and cost). <i>It is easy to blame unrest on economic regression.</i> |
| retrogression | Passing from a more complex to a simpler biological form. <i>A retrogression to 19th century attitudes.</i> |
| sally | A venture off the beaten path. <i>A sally into the wide world beyond his home.</i> |
| sinking | A feeling caused by uneasiness or apprehension. <i>With a sinking heart.</i> |
| <u>slant</u> | A sloping position. <i>Cut flower stems on the slant.</i> |
| <u>slide</u> | A part of a machine or instrument that slides. <i>His slide didn't stop until the bottom of the hill.</i> |
| sortie | A military action in which besieged troops burst forth from their position. <i>An early morning sortie into the garden of our hotel.</i> |
| stemma | A tree diagram showing a reconstruction of the transmission of manuscripts of a literary work. |
| <u>stock</u> | A portion of a company's stock as held by an individual or group as an investment. <i>He grabbed the cue by the stock.</i> |
| storming | The sudden forceful attack and capture of a building or other place by troops. <i>The storming of the Bastille.</i> |
| succession | The action or process of inheriting a title, office, property, etc. <i>A succession of failures.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Descent" as a noun

- *The settlers were of Cornish descent.*
- *The plane had gone into a steep descent.*
- *A steep, badly eroded descent.*
- *A descent on the Channel ports.*
- *The ancient empire's slow descent into barbarism.*
- *His descents on the manager of any shop he took a fancy to visit.*



Associations of "Descent" (30 Words)

- below** On a floor below.
*See **below**.*
- beneath** At a lower level or layer.
*The smile revealed the evil **beneath**.*
- declension** Process of changing to an inferior state.
*The first **declension** in Latin.*
- decline** Inflect for number, gender, case, etc.
*The roof **declines** here.*
- declivity** A downward slope.
*A thickly wooded **declivity**.*

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| decrease | Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The population of the area has decreased radically.</i> |
| descend | Come from; be connected by a relationship of blood, for example. <i>The army had descended into chaos.</i> |
| descending | (of sound) becoming lower in pitch. <i>The categories are listed in descending order of usefulness.</i> |
| diminish | Make or become less. <i>The trial has aged and diminished him.</i> |
| <u>down</u> | Downstairs. <i>There are eight trains a day four up and four down.</i> |
| <u>downturn</u> | A decline in economic, business, or other activity. <i>A downturn in the housing market.</i> |
| downward | Used to indicate that something applies to everyone in a certain hierarchy or set. <i>The downward course of the stream.</i> |
| drop | An act of dropping supplies or troops by parachute. <i>A sheer 1 500 foot drop.</i> |
| fall | An act of falling or collapsing. <i>An English leader who had fallen at the hands of the Danes.</i> |
| <u>falling</u> | Decreasing in number, amount, intensity, or quality. <i>Falling incomes.</i> |
| flop | With a flopping sound. <i>The show flopped in London.</i> |
| grantee | A person to whom a grant or conveyance is made. |
| lessen | Make smaller. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i> |
| <u>low</u> | Make a low noise characteristic of bovines. <i>Keep the volume very low.</i> |
| <u>lower</u> | Move something or somebody to a lower position. <i>Lower costs will encourage people to buy.</i> |
| parachute | Drop from an aircraft by parachute. <i>The former Conservative minister was controversially parachuted into the safe seat.</i> |
| <u>plummet</u> | A steep and rapid fall or drop. <i>Hardware sales plummeted.</i> |
| <u>plunge</u> | (of a horse) rear violently. <i>Shares in the company plunged 18p on news that profits had fallen.</i> |

- rundown** A reduction in the productivity or activities of a company or institution.
*A **rundown** in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.*
- settle** Settle conclusively come to terms.
*If the dispute was not **settled** it was possible there would be strike action.*
- sink** Cause to sink.
*They planned to **sink** a gold mine in Oklahoma.*
- slump** A noticeable deterioration in performance or quality.
*The team went into a **slump**.*
- spill** An instance of a liquid spilling or being spilt.
*Some of the wine **spilled** on to the floor.*
- submergence** Sinking until covered completely with water.
*Politicians may be blamed for **submergence** of principle.*
- under** Under water.
*An **under** secretary.*

